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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know why the Government have not taken any steps to close down the breaches and repair the Athiyadi eri?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" In the answer it is stated that steps are being taken to close the breaches."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" I want to know why the Government have not taken any steps from 1919 onwards?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I must ask for notice."

Irrigational possibilities of the Karuvadu odai in the Udayarpalaiyam taluk.

* 231 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that there is in the eastern half of the Udayarpalaiyam taluk, Trichinopoly district, a jungle stream that is popularly known as the *Karuvadu odai*; and

(*b*) whether at any time the Government have investigated into the possibility of utilizing the waters of that stream for irrigation purposes?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal was considered last year in connexion with the improvements to Athiyadi eri and extension of irrigation under it but was dropped owing to the estimated return being inadequate.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to direct the Revenue Divisional Officer to conduct a detailed investigation of this project and submit a report to the Government?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that, if this project is undertaken, it would irrigate about 600 or 700 acres in the Udaiyarpalaiyam taluk?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Land Revenue Administration

Representation from the old Tanjore Delta Mirasidars' Association regarding income per acre of wet land.

* 232 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received from the old Tanjore Delta Mirasidars' Association tabular statements showing the income per acre of wet land in the Tanjore district based upon the Settlement Officer's own report and whether they would place on the Council table a copy of their representations to the Government; and

(*b*) whether the price of paddy is less than what it was last year?

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A.—(a) Yes. A copy [a] is annexed.

(b) The price of paddy, second sort, in the Tanjore district during the months of July, August and September 1933 was lower than in the corresponding months of 1932.

Rate of assessment (wet) for single crops in the districts of Tanjore, Kistna, Godavari and Guntur.

* 233 Q.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what the average rates of assessment (wet) per acre are for single crops in the districts of Tanjore, Kistna, Godavari and Guntur?

A.—The information asked for is contained in the statement annexed to the answer to question No. 780 answered on 25th March 1933.

Report in the Fort St. George Gazette, *regarding the sufficiency of water-supply in the Guntur district.*

* 234 Q.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the report in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, that water-supply is sufficient in Guntur district refers to supply of water from rivers or also includes seasonal rains?

A.—The summary in the weekly season report which is published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* describes the state of the water-supply in the district from all sources and for all purposes.

Extent of damage caused by the recent heavy rains in South Kanara.

* 235 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any report regarding the damage done to paddy fields, roads, etc., by the recent heavy rains and floods in South Kanara; and

(b) whether a copy of the report will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) & (b) No report has been received by the Government about any damage caused by rain and floods in the South Kanara district recently.

Mr. A. B. Shetti:—" Will the Government be pleased to call for a report about this matter? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" Under the Standing Orders the Collectors have to submit reports to us on serious floods but we have not yet received any report from the Collector of South Kanara."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 302–304 infra.